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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TOAST (AS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY) GIVEN BY UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE ALEXANDER M. HAIG AT THE RETURN BANQUET HOSTED BY HIM FOR CHINESE VICE PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 16, 1981. AT THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE IN BEIJING.

2. BEGIN TEXT: MR. VICE PREMIER, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, CHIENESE AND AMERICAN FRIENDS: I ARRIVED HERE IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP BORN OF UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMON INTERESTS. AMERICAN POLICY AND CHINESE POLICY ARE BOTH ROOTED IN AN OBJECTIVE APPRAISAL OF STRATEGIC REALITIES. MY DISCUSSIONS WITH

YOU, MR. VICE PREMIER, WITH VICE CHAIRMAN DENG, PERMIER ZHAO, VICE PREMIER GENG, VICE PREMIER BO AND OTHERS, HAVE CONFIRMED THAT OUR APPRAISAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION ARE INDEED VERY SIMILAR AND THEREFORE THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE BRIGHT.

WE HAVE ACHIEVED THIS CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS DESPITE THE FACT THAT OUR PEOPLES SEEK COLLECTIVE WELL-BEING AND INDIVIDUAL FULFILLMENT ON DIFFERENT PATHS. BUT NEITHER OF US SEEKS TO EXTEND OUR ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL SYSTEMS BY FORCE AND OUR RELATIONS ARE BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT. THUS I AM CONVINCED THAT WITH PATIENCE AND FAR-SIGHTED STATESMANSHIP THE DIFFERENCES HISTORY HAS BEQUEATHED US CAN BE PEACEFULLY RESOLVED. AS WE PROCEED TO BUILD CLOSER TIES BASED ON OUR COMMON INTERESTS, WE STAND TOGETHER IN OUR DESIRE TO WORK TOWARD A WORLD ORDER BASED ON EQUALITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT AMONG NATIONS.

IN THE 1980S, THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCH A WORLD ORDER ARE UNDER ARE UNDER CHALLENGE. FROM ONE END OF ASIA TO THE OTHER — IN KAMPUCHEA, AFGHANISTAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST; IN EUROPE; IN AFRICA; IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, THE HARD-WON INDEPENDENCE OF SMALLER NATIONS IS IN JEOPARDY. OUR TALS HAVE SHOWN THAT AMERICANS AND CHINESE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO OPPOSE EFFORTS BY OTHER NATIONS TO ACHIEVE GLOBAL OR REGIONAL HEGEMONY. IT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPERATIVE THAT WE CONTINUE TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH EACH OTHER, AS WELL AS WITH OU RESPECTIVE FRIENDS AND ALLIES. THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO DO SO.

DURING MY VISIT I ASSURED CHINA'S LEADERS THAT WE INTEND TO DEVELOP OUR RELATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN US. THIS VISIT WAS OF UNUSUAL SIGNIFICANCE. IT ENABLED US TO DISPEL MISAPPREHENSIONS, AND TO CONVEY THE RESOLVE OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LEADERSHIP TO FURTHER EXPAND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS. DURING THE PAST THREE DAYS A SOLID BASIS HAS BEEN LAID FOR SIGNIFICANT

PROGRESS IN EVERY FIELD – IN ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, IN DEFENSE, AND IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMON APPROACHES TO INTERNATIONAL

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ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

ON MANY OF THE KEY INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF THE DAY OUR POLICIES ANDPOSITIONS COMPLEMENT EACH

OTHER AND ARE VERY CLOSELY ALIGNED.WE SHARE THE CONVICTION THAT THE FUTURE OF POLAND, AFGHANISTAN AND KAMPUCHEA MUST BE DETERMINED BY THE PEOPLES OF THOSE COUNTRIES. WHERE AGGRESSION HAS OCCURRED WE STAND TOGETHER WITH THE PEOPLES OF THE OCCUPIED NATIONS IN DEMANDING AN IMMEDIATE, COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES.

MY DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU AND OTHER CHINESE LEADERS OVER THESE LAST FEW DAYS HAVE BEEN AMONG THE MOST PRODUCTIVE OF MY EXPERIENCE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT CHINA — AND THE UNITED STATES — WILL DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT INDEPENDENT NATIONS — GREAT AND SMALL — CAN PURSUE THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR A BETTER LIFE IN PEACE. THESE TALKS HAVE ADVANCED OUR UNCLASSIFIED

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ABILITY TO COORDINATE OUR EFFORTS IN EVERY SPHERE TO THIS END.

I WILL BRING THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO THE NEXT STOP ON MY JOURNEY -- THE MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS. THE ASEAN GOVERNMENTS LEAD THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO TURN BACK FOREIGN SUPPORTED AGGRESSION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THEY SEEK A REGION FREE OF GREAT POWE RIVALRY, A GOAL SUPPORTED BY BOTH THE UNITED STATS AND CHINA.

IN MY MEETING SHORTLY THEREAFTER WITH OUR ALLIES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, I SHALL TELL THEM THAT CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES SHARE WITH THEM A COMMON DETERMINATION TO PRESERVE THE PEACE OF THE ASIAN/PACIFIC REGION.

FINALLY, I WILL REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO OUR ALLIES AND FRIENDS THAT US/CHINA RELATIONS ARE STRONG AND IMPROVING.

IT IS MY HONOR NOW TO PROPOSE A TOAST:

- TO THE HEALTH OF ALL THE CHINESE LEADERS
 WITH WHOM I HAVE HELD SUCH FRUITFUL TALKS DURING
 MY VISIT:
- -- TO THE HEALTH OF ALL HERE TONIGHT:

-- TO THE FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE COOPERATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA;

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- TO WORLD PEACE. END TEXT. ROY

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